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SUBJECT: HOPES FOR EXTENSION OF NI TRUCE

1. SPOKESMAN FOR PROVO SINN FEIN HERE HAS WELCOMED NI SECSTATE REES'S PLANS, ANNOUNCED TODAY (DEC 31), TO RELEASE SOME NI INTERNEES. BRITISH OFFER AND PROVO RESPONSE SEEM TO HAVE BEEN ORCHESTRATED. PROTESTANT CLERGY ARE STILL MEDIATING. WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF AT LEASE ONE PRIVATE ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE TRUCE EXTENSION, & THERE HAVE PROBABLY BEEN OTHERS. AT THIS POINT, THUS, NO ONE REALLY BELIEVES THAT BRITISH ARE NOT "NEGOTIATING" WITH PROVOS. CONCERN OVER APPARENT FACT OF NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, SEEMS FAR OUTWEIGHED BY PROSPECTS FOR EXTENDING NI TRUCE--AT LEAST FOR A WHILE. PRESS GENERALLY EXPECTS THAT PROVOS WILL AGREE TO EXTENSION.

2. COMMENT: IRISH (AND BRITISH) CLEARLY REMAIN VERY WARY OF IRA. WE ALSO THINK THAT CAUTION IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE REACTION. LONGRANGE INTENTIONS OF PROVOS MUST STILL BE CAUSE FOR CONCERN. MOORE

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